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The Tsunami and Beyond – Preventing Corruption in Humanitarian Relief

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The Tsunami and the responses

Mobilisation of international and national stakeholders

Massive humanitarian aid pledges

Fears of monetary losses due to corruption, waste and mismanagement ---

---voiced at national and international level

Corruption Risks

- **Bribes in large procurement contracts leading to sub standards, reduction of volumes and/or inappropriately located construction works**
- **Rent seeking from custom officials to allow importation of humanitarian relief goods**
- **Diversion of relief goods by local elites and/or project staff**

TI response

TI National Chapters: (Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka) led national responses

TI Secretariat: issued press releases and discussion papers

“Expert Meeting on Corruption Prevention in Tsunami relief” in Jakarta 7 – 8 April 2005, jointly with ADB/OECD

Recommendations from Expert Meeting

- **Respect affected countries leadership**
- **Enable affected communities to articulate their needs, devise reconstruction plans and evaluate results**
- **Implement comprehensive and harmonised information strategies**
- **Maintain adequate accounts**
- **Develop national aid tracking systems**
- **Complement internal controls and external audits with community-led approaches, such as people's audit**

Recommendations cont.

- **Provide accessible grievance procedures**
- **Avoid duplication of programming**
- **Ensure that the public procurement frameworks adequately address disaster situations**
- **Rely on affected country's procurement system**

TI Next steps – specifically for the Tsunami and the region

- **Actively pursue bilateral and multilateral contacts for the implementation of the framework**
- **Encourage TI national chapters and civil society in affected countries to disseminate and discuss the framework**
- **Consider establishing a regional roadmap**

TI Next Steps – Humanitarian Relief

- **Develop a set of general principles, operational guidelines and/or tools for preventing corruption in humanitarian relief**